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**Subject:** RE: FW: SpectraWatt company site visit next week

John,

From a former life and position and many years less in age, I worked for Severn Trent in contract operations. It was when they had just purchased three firms in the same time period and were merging them into one. At the time, one of the firms purchased had had a large lab facility in Texas. I don't recall what city, but does that sound familiar to your people? I appreciate all your assistance more than words can say.

No matter what the firm does, I want to be able to test for PFOA since I learned not to trust a profit-making industry's words at face value. Someone from EPA I think got that through to me!! Thanks.

Deb

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lovell.John@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Lovell.John@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2009 11:34 AM

To: Deborah A. Hoag

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Subject: Re: FW: SpectraWatt company site visit next week

I got the names of a few labs from our drinking water person.

MPI Research (State College, PA)

Severn Trent (unsure, but she thinks they are out west)

Test America (Denver. CO)

In terms of literature on treatment systems, the systems that they are working with are all small "point of entry" systems for homes that would fit in the corner in your basement, although another person here apparently has worked on a landfill that has a leachate treatment system which sounds like more of an industrial application. I haven't had a chance to talk to him yet, but will let you know. Our drinking water person did mention a website - nsf.com. I only spent a few seconds looking but didn't find anything on the site that I thought would be helpful, but you might have more luck than I did. She also suggested that you may want to simply require that there be no detectable levels in the discharge as an alternative to using the 0.04 ppb level as a water quality standard. Other than eliminating the PFOA, that would seem to be the best way to try to make sure that it remains their problem and doesn't become your problem.

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John,

Based on the information below, I am asking for any guidance you may have or even contact information from the information you emailed previously. I have received information from the company and they appear to be discharging about 125,000 gpd which is nothing to sneeze at. I do not know what concentration of PFOA to expect in the wastewater discharge. If you are able to discuss this early later today or early next week, I would be appreciative. Also, this site used to have a direct discharge permit through PA DEP. I am not certain how much they have been kept in the loop or if it is something the company would even consider. Thanks for your help.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pamela Shupp [mailto:pamela@gobep.com]

Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 8:22 AM

To: Deborah A. Hoag; Jackie C. Hendricks

Subject: SpectraWatt company site visit next week

Importance: High

Last night I received an agenda from the company for their site visit. This visit will include their engineering team from CH2M (about 8 people).

The company is asking if you can both meet with them on Thursday morning, January 15th at 9:00 a.m. at StonePointe. I am sorry for the prior confusion where I asked for your availability on Wednesday afternoon.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can make this meeting. This is the company's third visit to the site and we heard yesterday that the letter from the Governor providing incentives was pretty

aggressive, so we are very optimistic.  
Steve also state that you will also be receiving waste stream  
information directly from him:

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